

SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS

Out of School Suspension

The suspension of a student from school, as authorized under [Section 48 \(4\) of The Public Schools Act](#), is a formal separation for a predetermined length of time following a happening of such severity by the student that the student's presence at school is detrimental to the welfare of the student, other students or other personnel.

For purposes of this policy:

"Out of school suspension" means the exclusion of a student from attending classes, being on school property, and participating in school activities for a specified and limited period of time as set forth in the notice provided, unless student contact with the school Division is otherwise authorized by the school or the Division's Senior Administration.

The period of suspension should be sufficient for the Principal or designate to organize appropriate meetings with parents and support staff in order to find a suitable approach to the problem, but in any case, the suspension by the Principal or designate must not exceed five (5) days. If the student is 11 years old or younger, the Principal or designate will not send the child home without provision for adult supervision.

In School Suspension

An in school suspension means the exclusion of a student from attending classes and participating in school activities for a specified and limited period of time as set forth in the notice provided.

When a suspension becomes necessary, efforts will be made to accommodate the suspension of the student at an in-school location.

Suspension of Bus Riding Privileges

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Principals or designates have the authority to suspend a student's bus riding privileges whenever the student's behaviour on or near the bus is unacceptable, and or the student's behaviour places the safety and welfare of self or others at risk.

Suspension of a student from travelling on a school bus may be used independently from attendance at school.

Suspension authority shall be:

- a) The Principal: The Principal or designate may suspend a pupil for a maximum of five days from class, from school, or from riding a school bus; or may reinstate a pupil so suspended.
- b) The Superintendent: The Superintendent may support or deny the Principal's recommendation regarding a pupil's suspension beyond the five (5) day limit, but may not approve a suspension of more than six weeks.

Suspension from Class Attendance

A teacher, under Regulation 68/97, may suspend from the classroom a student who engages in conduct the teacher considers detrimental to the classroom learning environment and contravenes the Division's Standard of Behaviour and school expectations. Such suspensions shall be limited to not more than two days.

A teacher who suspends a student from the classroom must at the earliest opportunity:

- arrange for the supervision of the student during the period of suspension;
- supply class work when reasonable for the student to complete during the time of suspension; and
- document and report the suspension to the Principal or designate, and shall notify the parents of the suspension.

A teacher shall not have authority to extend a classroom suspension of a student to any other teacher's classroom.

Parents to be Informed

In the event of a student suspension covered by this policy, the parents shall be informed by the Principal or designate by telephone and in writing. In the event that a student is suspended for more than five (5) days, the parents shall be advised of the right to appeal. All student suspensions shall be reported using JKD-E, Student Suspension Form according to the processes described in Suspension of Student JKD-R.

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